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SUBJECT: VACANT CABINET SEATS REASSIGNED

- 1. FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT ON JANUARY 14 CONFIRMING THE NRP'S DEPARTURE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND INVALIDATING THE RESIGNATION OF THE ILP MINISTERS (PARA 5, TEL AVIV 321), PRIME MINISTER RABIN AT SUNDAY'S (JANUARY 16) CABINET MEETING WELCOMED THE RETURN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TWO ILP MINISTERS MOSHE KOL, MINISTER OF TOURISM, AND GIDEON HAUSNER. MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO.
- 2. HAUSNER READ A STATEMENT WHICH REFERRED TO THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION AND ASSERTED THAT THE REASONS WHICH IMPELLED THE ILP RESIGNATION "ARE STILL VALID AND ARE IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THE REASONS THAT PROMPTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S RESIGNATION." HE DECLARED THAT HIS PARTY WILL SUBMIT LEGISLATION IN THE KNESSET TO AMEND THE FUNDAMENTAL LAW UPON WHICH THE COURT BASED ITS DECISION AND PROMISED THAT IN THE MEANTIME HE AND KOL WILL FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS AS MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. RABIN THEREUPON REASSIGNED THE VACANT MINISTERIAL POSTS (INCLUDING THAT OF SUICIDE VICTIM AVRAHAM OFER). JUSTICE MINISTER HAIM ZADOK WILL ALSO SERVE AS MINISTER OF RELIGION VICE YITZHAK RAPHAEL. LABOR MINISTER MOSHE BARAM WILL ALSO ME MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE VICE ZEVULUN HAMMER. POLICE MINISTER SHLOM HILLEL WILL ALSO HEAD THE INTERIOR MINISTRY

VICE YOSEF BURG. SHLOMO ROSEN WILL, IN ADDITION TO HIS IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION PORTFOLIO, REPLACE OFER AS HOUSING MINISTER. THESE ASSIGNMENTS MUST NOW BE SUBMITTED TO THE KNESSET FOR APPROVAL. DUNNIGAN

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